

## CONNECTED BY WIRE.

Completion of the Kona-Kau Telephone Line.

## CONNECTION AT VOLCANO HOUSE.

Audible Conversation Two Hundred and Forty-five Miles—Circuit Around the Big Island—Advertiser Man First to Use the New Wire.

The people of the big island are justly proud of the several telephone lines now in successful operation there. Until recently the residents of Kona and Kau were somewhat out of the world, in the matter of telephone connection with the windward side of the island. Now that the new Kona-Kau line has been completed almost a circuit of the island of Hawaii is possible by its connection.

At 4:30 p. m. Wednesday, November 6th, Manager L. S. Augst and assistants Joseph Pritchard and Bert Stone connected the new line at the Volcano House with the Hilo end, thereby making it possible to carry on conversation from Kailua, Kona, to Kohala, a distance of 245 miles. Work on the new line was commenced on the morning of July 15th from Kailua, the Volcano House being reached three months and a half later. It requires much diligence and hard work to build and equip the route, especially through the Kona, where hard volcanic strata were met with, making it necessary to drill and blast holes. Not the least of the many obstacles met with and overcome by the constructors was the heavy forest through Kona, the line having to be virtually new for quite a long distance. From Kau the work was not so difficult, but in many places a great deal of blasting and cutting had to be done in order to erect poles. Ten miles from Naalehu a stretch of lava flow several miles in length had to be crossed. To accomplish the work of erecting the line over this barren stretch—not the least sign of vegetation being apparent—was, indeed, a laborious task, but with a determination which marked the construction from beginning to end the work was successfully carried out.

On the whole the line was the most difficult ever constructed on the island, and necessitated the expenditure of several thousands of dollars, to say nothing of the severest exposure encountered by the builders. The length of the new company's wire, from Kailua to the Volcano House, is about 110 miles, and so perfect is its construction that conversation can be carried on from the two points named without raising the voice above the ordinary tone. There will be two central offices—at Naalehu and Kailua. Joseph Pritchard will be in charge of the former and Manager Augst the latter. Wires radiating from these centers will connect ranches, coffee plantations, wharves, business houses and private residences. Already there are a large number of applicants for phones, and when the instruments are placed in position the line will be in working order for the respective places along the route. At present Naalehu, Kau, Houmao and other places can be reached by connections independent of a central office; but when everything is completed, the different subscribers can be reached from the respective central offices. The instruments to be used are the latest improved long distance phones. These are manufactured in Germany, and have been proven to be the best of the kind in the world. A sufficient number have been ordered by Manager Augst for his and the other companies on the other island, and when the new phones shall have been put up there will be nothing lacking to make the telephone service on Hawaii most perfect in every detail.

In honor of the completion of the new line and connection at the Volcano House, that most excellent of hosts, Col. Peter Lee, furnished a splendid lunch to Manager Augst, his assistants and their correspondents. Not to be outdone in hospitality and in celebration of an extremely arduous task, Manager Augst ordered of the "lemonade and soda." An ADVERTISER representative, who was spending a vacation at that famous hostelry, the Volcano House, was given the distinction of first using the new line, conversation being held with a party at Kailua, 110 miles distant. The sound was clear and distinct. A few days later Manager Augst conversed from Kailua to Kohala, via Volcano House, 245 miles away, the talk being overheard by interested persons at the Volcano House and Hilo.

This article would not be complete without some reference to Mr. Augst and his very capable assistant, Joseph Pritchard. Both are well known to readers of the ADVERTISER, having formerly been manager and chief line man respectively of the Mutual Company in Honolulu. No better men than these can be found in any country when it comes to constructing and operating telephone lines. Besides being most capable electricians, they are as well affable and trustworthy.

## NEWS NOTES OF PAHALA.

Heavy Weather on the Coast—Dr. Capron Departs.

PAHALA (Kau, Hawaii), Nov. 20.—There was a severe earthquake this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

A kona has been blowing for several days, which made it very hard for the W. G. Hall to discharge her freight and take sugar. On the uptrip it was impossible for the steamer to touch at Hookea and she had to carry the freight on to Kau.

Geo. Robertson, manager of Brewer

& Co., has been here two weeks, but returns to Honolulu on the Hall.

Dr. V. J. Capron and wife and Miss De Lion leave for Honolulu on the Hall and will go to Vancouver December 21. Dr. and Mrs. Capron will return in about two months. Dr. M. Wayne of Kona will act in Dr. Capron's place while he is gone.

W. Doherty of the Half-Way House would like to see the tourist travel start up again.

The overland mail does not arrive any earlier at Pahala. The last trip the carrier arrived at Pahala late in the afternoon, his excuse being that he had to cook his own breakfast.

Mr. Walton leaves by the steamer Hall to visit Mrs. Walton, who is very sick in Honolulu.

Judge Waipulani has been striking terror into the hearts of Japanese thieves. The first one brought up was arrested for stealing from the Punaluu warehouse and got six months. The next was caught stealing from Hiles store, got two years and \$100 fine, and the last for stealing from the Honuapo warehouse and will have a hearing in a few days.

The summit of Mauna Loa is covered with snow and presents a very beautiful sight.

## KONA TEACHERS CONVEENE

Two Days' Meeting, with Interesting Discussions.

Property-Holders Discuss New Government Roads—New Lumber Yard at Kailua.

NORTH KONA (Hawaii), Nov. 21.—The Teachers' Convention for North and South Kona was held at Holuolua school-room on the 14th and 15th inst. There were sixteen teachers present, viz., Mrs. M. F. Scott, Mrs. Suter, Miss Florence Scott, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Lemmon, H. T. Mills, Thomas Aiu, Mr. and Mrs. Amalu, Sam Pitero, Thomas Hase, William Wright, Jr., Miss Cornelia Kaelele, Miss Mary Huomanawani, Moses Kane.

The meeting opened with Secretary Aiu in the chair, President Wilson being absent. The first proceeding was election of officers for ensuing year, as follows: President, Mr. Lemmon; vice-president for North Kona, Mrs. M. F. Scott; for South Kona, Mr. Amalu; secretary and treasurer, Miss Florence Scott. The program for first day began as follows: Reading of the school laws by Thomas Aiu, which was followed by an interesting discussion; reading, by Mrs. Suter, of a very good paper on "Busy Work;" Mr. Lemmon read a paper on "The Art of Teaching;" a paper by Mrs. Amalu on "Primary Work;" an illustrated talk on "Third and Fourth Reader Language Work" by Mrs. M. F. Scott; Mr. Amalu, on "Writing," spoke of the elements of Payson and Dutton's system.

The second day's exercises began with an animated discussion on the school law regarding attendance. Miss Scott then gave a talk on a method of teaching technical writing in the first part of the course of study. H. T. Mills followed with a paper on the "Essentials of Methods." After recess, Miss Scott introduced Leland's method of drawing and designing, illustrating in a very clear and attractive manner on the blackboard. This was followed by a most interesting paper on "Psychology" by Mrs. M. F. Scott. The teachers then discussed the Summer School question, and, after deciding to hold the next meeting at Kona-waena in March, adjourned, well satisfied with the results of the convention.

Mr. Bruner has been in the district for a week, looking after road work for the Government. A meeting of property holders has been called for Saturday to discuss with Mr. Bruner his proposed line for the upper road. His plan is to straighten the road as much as possible. This will cause it to deviate considerably, at certain places, from the present "cow trail." As the proposed change will leave a few residences farther from the main road, it is understood it will meet with opposition. But it is to be hoped that the general welfare of the district will overrule personal interests.

George Clark has opened a lumber yard at Kailua, in partnership it is understood, with John Ems, of Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Lemmon, of Pahoa, are settled in their new home and have their school duties well in hand.

Miss Edith Wallace, of San Francisco, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Katherine Scott.

Dr. and Mrs. Whitney have returned to Honolulu after an extended visit at Mrs. Greenwell's.

A rainstorm with thunder and lightning began on the afternoon of the 17th and it was almost two days before it settled to the usual serene sunshine. The nights are getting decidedly chilly.

## Second Degree Murder.

Wong Fook, the Chinaman who stabbed a countryman to death about two weeks ago, was convicted of murder in the second degree last night.

Attorneys Dole and Davis, who had been assigned by the Court, made masterly speeches in the defense of the prisoner, and ex-Judge Hartwell prosecuted in his usual quiet manner. At 7:45 o'clock Judge Magoon charged the jury as impartially as ever a charge was delivered from the Hawaiian bench. While the pleadings and charge were being made the prisoner sat in a semi-dazed condition with bowed head. During the afternoon he was examined in the law library by two physicians as to his sanity, but, whether from fright or otherwise, he could not be made to answer. From his actions and the fact that absolutely no motive can

be found for the murder the impression seems to be that the man's mind is affected.

## Diplomatic Reply.

Miss Playne: "Is it true that you said the mere sight of my face would make a man climb a fence?" Hargreaves: "I—er—I meant, of course, if the man was on the other side of the fence."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## Provided For.

Caulor—"Should think you'd run a woman's page in your paper?" Eddy Tory All—"We do; three of them."

C—"Where are they?" E. T. A.—"The ad. pages man."—Boston Courier.

## BOYCOTTING THE BRITISH.

Woman of Venezuela Organizes an Anti-English League.

CARACAS, Nov. 10.—As a result of the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela concerning the Guiana boundaries, the women of the South American republic have organized an anti-English league, and have addressed the following appeal to their fellow citizens: "Since Great Britain is governed by a woman, it is natural and proper for us, as daughters of Venezuela, to undertake a peaceful war against the kingdom of England, in order to oblige it to respect our country. We, who dispense money for our household needs, let us swear never to employ this money in buying any merchandise imported from England."

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